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Dear Ms Lo,

Re: 175BF – “Relocation of supporting operational facilities of Tsim Sha Tsui and Fire Station Complex, Fire Services Club and other Fire Services accommodations to To Wah Road, Kowloon”

In response to the letter of Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan dated 8 May 2019 to the Chairman of the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) enquiring about 175BF – “Relocation of supporting operational facilities of Tsim Sha Tsui and Fire Station Complex, Fire Services Club and other Fire Services accommodations to To Wah Road, Kowloon”, the reply from the Government is set out below:

1. 175BF – What are the details of the planning of site adjacent to the supporting operational facilities of Fire Station Complex?

The site adjacent to the proposed project site at To Wah Road (To Wah Road site) falls within an area zoned “Open Space” on the approved South West Kowloon Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K20/30. This zone is intended primarily for the provision of outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public. Relevant bureaux and departments will take into account the local population, provision and utilisation of the existing

facilities, resource priority, etc. in planning the open space and determining the priorities of project implementation. There is currently no firm implementation programme of the planned public open space.

- 2. Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) advised in today's meeting that the Transport Department (TD) would like to adopt the principle of "single site, multiple use" in developing the open space while constructing an underground carpark underneath. The project was under consultation to local residents. Would TD provide details of the project and if carpark is constructed, the number of parking spaces, commercial and private car parking spaces? Is there other more suitable site for constructing the carpark in the district?**

The Government attaches great importance to addressing the shortage of parking spaces, and is adopting a multi-pronged approach to increase the number of parking spaces in accordance with the "single site, multiple uses" principle to provide public car parking spaces in suitable "Government, Institution or Community" facilities and public open space projects. The site adjacent to To Wah Road site meets the requirements of providing public parking spaces under this policy. TD is working closely with relevant bureaux and departments regarding the demand for and feasibility of constructing an underground public carpark and the public open space in one-go. TD will consider whether to provide public carpark at the aforesaid location (or at other suitable sites in the district) by taking into account the local parking demand. At the moment, TD has no details and programme for the carpark project. TD will consult the public (including relevant District Councils) in good time once the demand for the carpark is established and the initial proposal has been worked out.

- 3. Whether the Administration has assessed the traffic impact on To Wah Road, Jordan Road east bound and west bound, and nearby areas due to the Fire Station Project and the adjacent carpark project? If yes, what are the details? If no, what is the reason?**

Regarding the traffic impact on the nearby areas consequent to the proposed fire station project, ArchSD commissioned consultants to conduct a traffic impact assessment for the construction and operation stages of the project. Specifically, the traffic performance of the road junctions concerned at To Wah Road and Jordan Road along the east and west directions was reviewed. The result showed that the road junctions concerned could

accommodate the traffic flow generated during both construction and operation stages of the project. The traffic impact on the local road network was found insignificant. The assessment report has been approved by the Transport Department.

4. As shown in Annex 8 to Enclosure 1, there will be a lift providing barrier free access at the Jordan Road footbridge near Sorrento. However, there is no such lift at the location at the moment. On the other hand, High Speed Rail West Kowloon Station has no accessible lift connecting to Jordan Road. Would the Government explain to PWSC whether the Item 175BF under discussion will include the construction of lift at the aforesaid location. If yes, what are the details? If no, how to implement the barrier free access shown in the Paper?

The lift symbol indicated at the Jordan Road footbridge near the Sorrento as per the barrier free access layout drawing at Annex 8 of Enclosure 1 should be a staircase and hence the label was incorrect. See amended drawing at attachment Annex 8a Enclosure 1 for details. The public can access between the Jordan Road and the project site via the accessible lifts within the High Speed Rail / West Kowloon Station.

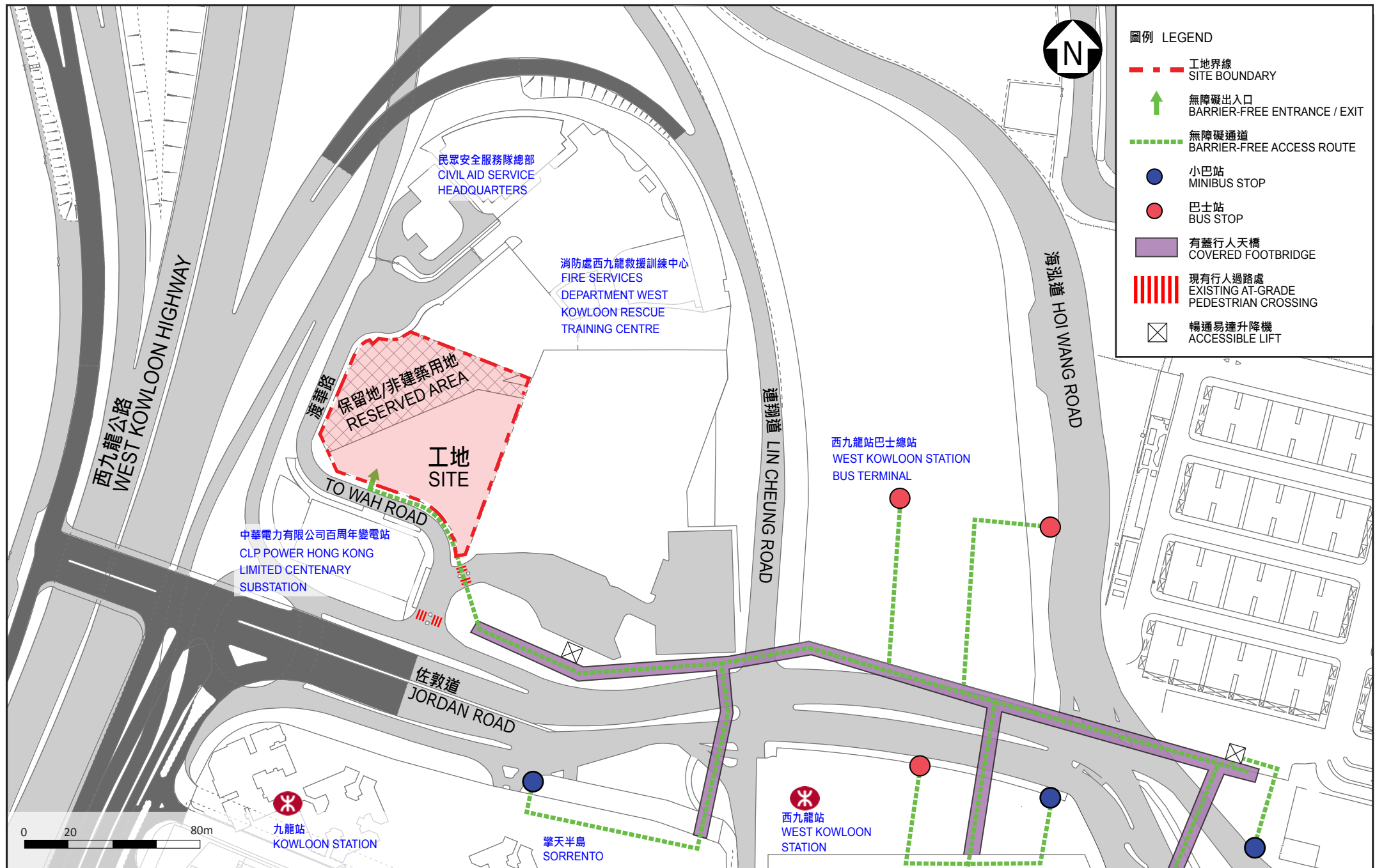
Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Home Affairs

Enclosure

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Director of Fire Services	(Attn.: Mr Terence TSANG)
Commissioner for Transport	(Attn.: Mr David NGU)



無障礙通道平面圖
PLAN OF
BARRIER-FREE ACCESS

175BF
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